

The Village of Larchmont Board of Trustees has approved new code regulating leaf blowers. Effective January 1, 2022, gas-powered leaf blowers may not be used anywhere in the Village of Larchmont, and electric leaf blowers may only be used for spring clean-up in the month of April and fall clean-up between October 15 and December 15, with temporary allowances as determined by the Mayor for extreme weather events. The code was passed in response to a review of scientific data establishing that leaf blowers, and the emissions, airborne particulates, loud noise and powerful air currents they generate, negatively impact public health, daily activities and environmental sustainability in our community.

To see the presentation of the LEC to the Village Board, click [HERE](#). The presentation begins at 37:37.

During 2021, before the full law goes into effect, both gas and electric leaf blowers may be used ONLY during the month of April, and from October 15 to December 15. All leaf blowers are banned during the rest of the year.

Please note that both the property owner as well as the person operating a leaf blower and the contracted service company are held responsible for violations and are subject to fines. Please review the [new code](#) and alternatives to leaf blowing with your service provider or client so everyone is ready to comply.

Rather than blowing leaves to the curb for municipal pickup, please consider maintaining property with mulch-mowing, simply allowing the shredded leaves and grass clippings to fall back into the lawn. The shredded material will decompose to organically nourish the soil and turf for stronger growth. Leaves may also be moved around shrubs and trees or to garden beds and backyard compost piles. These widely accepted practices, already embraced by many residents and landscaping professionals, are in keeping with the guidelines of the Larchmont-Mamaroneck Healthy Yards Project (www.LMHealthyYards.org) which is dedicated to helping residents achieve safe, sustainable and appealing properties. You can also learn more by visiting this [sustainable leaf maintenance page](#) and attending mulch-mow demonstrations planned by the Larchmont Environmental Committee for this year.

I look forward to the many advantages this code will help us achieve for improved health, sustainability and natural beauty in Larchmont.

Mayor Lorraine Walsh